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Dear Mr. Carruthers:

On behalf of the Council and people of the Pueblo of Laguna I would like to thank you for the visit you paid to the Pueblo of Laguna on May 10, 1984. Your input and assistance had a very definite and positive impact on the participating agencies and parties. It was--as you put it--"an exceptional day".

Based on our discussions, the following represents the Pueblo's understanding of the outcome:

- Anaconda Minerals Company agreed to keep the offer open until September 1, 1984, at the latest;
- You will recommend that U.S.G.S./W.R.D. evaluate the Dames & Moore Groundwater Model;
- Anaconda will allow access to the data formulated by their consultant, Dames & Moore for purposes of evaluation by the U.S.G.S./W.R.D.;
- The Bureau of Land Management will complete its studies, including the photogrammetry work by August 15, 1984; and
- You will discuss with Mr. Ken Smith the progress that was made during this joint-exercise and advise him that if the technical issues can be settled you will ask him to recommend to the Pueblo that it set-up its own reclamation company.

With regard to WRD's evaluation of the Dames & Moore groundwater model, I have advised Mike Pool via (see attachment) letter today that the Pueblo would like to have its contract hydrologist present at all consultations, meetings or discussions that are arranged by the BLM during the evaluation process. Mr. John Ward of Hydro Geo Chem has done work for the Pueblo in the past and he is familiar with the hydrology aspect of the Jackpile mine-site.



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Finally, Mr. Walt Johnson, a member of our Council requested that you confer with Dr. Everett Rhoades, Director of the Indian Health Service, concerning the health impacts on the former miners and residents of the Village of Paguate. Also, Mr. Johnson requested that you confer with Mr. Ken Smith on the development of management scenarios by the Pueblo for possibly undertaking the reclamation project. Funding of such a study would be timely given our recent discussions with Anaconda and the time frame we are now operating under.

Once again, thank you for the time you have devoted to our reclamation problem. Please accept our invitation to visit the Pueblo under less structured circumstances.

My Best Regards,

PUEBLO OF LAGUNA

  
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